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REPORTS

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMACK,

FOR THE YEAR

1844---45.

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STATISTICS OF THE SCHOOLS.

SUMMER TERM.											
Districts.	No. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	*10	Total
Whole number of Pupils.	34	30	47	20	51	23	26	19	33	24	307
Average Attendance.	27	24	31	14	40	16	20	16	28	20	235
Males.	12	11	21	12	18	8	13	6	14	11	126
Females.	92	19	26	7	33	15	13	13	19	13	85
In Writing.	11	4	9	7	18	2	2	9	7	6	61
In Geography.	5	4	9	5	7	10	2	9	10	9	61
In Arithmetic.	20	8	21	12	24	12	14	12	9	8	140
In Grammar.	4	3	6	5	10	4	1	6	5	1	45
In Composition.	4				6	2		5			17
Length of School.	9	12	16	13	14	11	8	12	13	12	121
Wages of Teacher per month.	\$4 00	\$4 00	\$5 50	\$4 00	\$5 33	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$4 67	\$5 00	\$145
Whole amount of money for the year.	47 25	54 25	66 25	52 25	63 25	53 25	58 25	45 25	51 25	62 54	\$586
WINTER TERM.											
Districts.	No. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Whole number of Pupils.	36	31	57	24	52	28	44	24	24	32	372
Average Attendance.	26	25	40	20	35	21	37	18	11	25	281
Males.	18	16	30	14	25	18	28	11	18	12	
Females.	18	15	27	10	27	10	16	13	6	20	
In Writing.	20	15	25	11	23	6	16	13	11	19	
In Geography.	5	8	10	6	7	5	9	10	10	14	
In Arithmetic.	99	23	38	17	23	12	35	16	16	23	
In Grammar.	5	8	12	5	8	3	4	7	5	6	
In Composition.											
Length of School.	8 1-2	7	14	8	13	10	12	10	7	11	114
Wages of Teacher per month.	\$11	14 50	12 00	14 00	14 00	16 00	5 33	14 00	8 00	14	290
Proportion of money to each Scholar.	1 31	1 75	1 51	2 13	1 22	1 90	1 32	1 96	1 42	1 96	1 80
											1 57

* No. School.

Number of Scholars between 4 and 14 who have not attended school, 18.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW-CITIZENS :—The superintending school committee have performed the duties which were assigned them, by the Selectmen, and beg leave to make the following Report.

There are eleven school districts in town, in neither of which has any teacher been retained, either in the summer or winter school, who has not been found qualified according to the requirements of the statute. Where there was a deficiency of literary attainment, certificates have in all cases been withheld; and though such a course is alike painful to the examiners and the examined, and often subjects the former to the censures of those who are given to *fault-finding*, yet we are confident that an intelligent community will approve the course.

For the purpose of facilitating labor and saving expense to the town, the eleven districts were classed into *three* divisions, and assigned to the three members of the committee, respectively, with the understanding that each should be responsible for the visiting and superintendence of his own schools, and for the report from those schools. Mr. Allen took the superintendence of districts No. 2, 3, 8, 10. Dr. Eaton of No. 1, 7, 9, and No. 6 one half the year. Dr. Magoon of No. 4, 5, 11, and of No. 6, one half the year.

In most instances their labors have been facilitated by the aid of the agents in the districts, who have been careful that teachers did not commence school till approbated, or close their school without the knowledge of the superintending committee. In some cases they have felt an embarrassment in being obliged to examine a teacher after the school had commenced, and when a refusal to approbate would endanger the harmony of the district.

We could wish that the agents, and the parents generally, would more frequently visit the schools with the committee; their suggestions might be of great service, and their presence would encourage the teacher and animate the pupils.

General Condition of the Schools. It cannot have escaped the notice of the careful observer that there is a growing interest in

this town, in the cause of common school education. Within a short time, *seven* out of eleven districts have either erected new school houses, or so rebuilt and modernized their old ones as to make them about as good as new. Such considerate regard for the comfort and convenience of the pupils, is creditable to the liberality of the districts, and may be taken as a pledge that no reasonable exertions will be spared on their part, to facilitate the education of our youth. The school house in No. 9, is sadly out of repair. The winter school for two years past has been nearly lost in consequence. Children cannot be expected to love school or to attend regularly, when they are obliged to sit on uncomfortable seats, and shiver with cold. We are happy to learn that the district contemplate an improvement in the house. The school house in No. 7 is not very old, but inconvenient in its internal arrangement. It would require but a trifling expense to make a new floor and put all the benches on a common level.

Teachers. With few exceptions, our teachers the past year, have been of a higher order than in some years before. We are glad to know that in some districts they appreciate the policy of employing only the best teachers and paying wages accordingly. Would it not be well to employ again those who have been well tried and are known to be successful? The difference between a good teacher and even an ordinary one, cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

In some instances females have been employed in the winter schools and with admirable success. When the districts are small and the scholars young, it is unquestionably more economical to employ females; for experience has proved that with equal literary qualifications, they are usually more successful in awakening the interest of the pupils and in communicating instruction.

School Books. There has been a commendable liberality in this town, in providing school books. Indeed some have been too ready at the suggestion of a new teacher, to get new and unauthorized books. In this way heavy expense has been thrown upon parents, and such a variety has been introduced as to defeat all attempts at classification. There is a disposition on the part of the scholar to procure a copy of every new book that may find its way into the school, and to use those as reading books which they are incapable of understanding. It would be well if each district would, in consultation with the superintending committee, determine upon a list of books to be used, and post it up in the school house. Might not this subject be taken into consideration to advantage at the school meetings?

Singing was introduced in the course of the year into districts No. 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, with very happy effect. While we would not make this exercise so prominent as to interfere at all with the other regular exercises of the school, we cannot but express the hope that it may receive more attention than here-

tofore. We are satisfied that its influence is in every respect beneficial. When interspersed with the other exercises, it relieves the tedium so painful to young scholars—gives an agreeable stimulus to the mind—promotes a kindly feeling throughout the school—improves the taste—and gives power and distinctness to the voice in reading. We have noticed that where singing is practiced, nearly every scholar will, in a few weeks, catch the tunes and join with delight in the exercise; nor is this all; the scholars are apparently more cheerful and happy—in their recreations they are less boisterous and more refined.

School Money. We are happy to say that the town appropriated \$100 more to our schools the last year, than heretofore. It is indicative of progress. Including the avails of the literary fund, we distribute \$586, but divided between eleven schools, the amount to each is small. Allow us to suggest the importance of appropriating it all to paying for instruction, and of furnishing the board of teachers and firewood by other means. This is already practiced in most of the districts.

Remarks on individual Districts. DISTRICT No. 1. Dr. Eaton Superintendent—Luther R. Hassell, Agent. The *Summer Term* of this school was under the care of Miss N. J. Spalding. The discipline of the school was good—the recitations thorough. And the students exhibited a commendable degree of interest in their exercises.

The *Winter Term* was under the tuition of Mr. George P. Estey. Taking his youth and inexperience into consideration, Mr. E. discharged his duties in a very creditable manner. If the discipline was not quite so good as it should have been, it may be in part attributed to the size of the house and the arrangement of the seats. The house is quite too small for the number of scholars.

DISTRICT No. 2. Mr. Allen, Superintendent—William M. Barron, Agent. *Summer Term.* Miss Mary L. Hutchins, Teacher. This was her first attempt at teaching. She devoted herself with great industry to her charge, and was very successful. The pupils seemed to be under good discipline, and they made gratifying progress. A class in geography appeared unusually well. We could wish that the parents in this district would visit the school more. These enterprising families are not accustomed thus to neglect their other interests. Is there a child in town so fond of study as not to be somewhat discouraged if his parents never visit the school? Is there one so dull as not to be animated if they encourage him by their presence and by their smile of approbation when he does well?

Winter Term. Mr. William M. Spalding, Teacher. He is a good scholar, and requires his pupils to be thorough in their recitations. If they did not go over as much ground as some others, they *understood* what they did go over. The impression made at the examination was that the scholars had been *studious*,

and had acquired a habit of thinking for themselves. There are some fine minds in this school, which give promise of superior scholarship.

DISTRICT No. 3. Mr. Allen, Superintendent—Thomas Parker, Agent. *Summer Term.* Miss Priscilla L. Merrill, Teacher. This district receives more money than any other in town. The school commenced with a large number of scholars, but diminished in the course of the term nearly one half. The teacher came well recommended and sustained a fair examination. But it is impossible to judge of the qualifications of a teacher from a mere examination. It became apparent, in the early part of the school, that there was a mutual indifference between teacher and pupils. As a consequence, the government became lax and the recitations dull. Where there is no perceptible progress in the studies, it may be safely inferred that the time of the pupils and the money expended are somewhat worse than lost. We are happy to say that the parents in this district manifest an increasing interest in the improvement of youth, which promises well for the future.

Winter Term. Mr. Alexis Proctor, Teacher. This was his first attempt at school keeping—but he happily succeeded in securing the confidence and esteem of both parents and pupils. There has been a marked improvement in the school—a propriety of demeanor—a studious application—and a waking up of intellect which is alike honorable to the scholars and the teacher. We have ever thought that there were elements here of a good school. We can recommend Mr. P. as a faithful and promising teacher.

DISTRICT No. 4. Dr. Magoon, Superintendent and Agent. *Summer Term.* Miss Sabra Lund, Teacher. This school did not make the progress which might have been made, had there been more perfect union in the district. For this, neither the teacher or scholars are to be blamed.

Winter Term. Mr. Charles D. Marshall, Teacher. The tact of keeping school is known to but few. The course which Mr. M. pursued, was well adapted to inspire the pupils with animation. They seemed to be interested and happy. The teacher won to himself a good reputation, the affection of the scholars, and the esteem of the committee. We hope he will be employed again.

DISTRICT No. 5. Dr. Magoon, Superintendent—Walter Reed, Agent. *Summer Term.* Miss Mary B. Spalding, Teacher. Miss S. has taught this school two summers with very marked success. She has qualities, as a teacher, of the first order. Her government, though extremely mild, is efficient, and she has the faculty of communicating instruction in an agreeable and attractive manner. The parents and scholars deserve credit for the interest they have manifested in the

school. Any district in town may consider themselves fortunate to secure the services of Miss Spalding.

Winter Term. Mr. John F. Marsh, Teacher. The chairman of the committee has not received the report of the superintendent of this school.

DISTRICT No. 6. Dr. Eaton, Superintendent—Simeon Wilson, Agent. *Summer Term.* Miss Martha J. Gage, Teacher. This district have been fortunate during the last two years, in their selection of teachers. They were no less so this year. It is seldom that we visit a school where the course of instruction is more thorough, or the discipline better than in this.

Winter Term. Mr. William Claggett, Teacher. Under his instruction, great improvement was made in what we regard the most essential and most neglected branch of study, that of *reading*. All the exercises on the day of examination, were very creditable, both to the scholars and the teacher, and satisfactory to the committee.

DISTRICT No. 7. Dr. Eaton, Superintendent—Daniel Moore, Agent. *Summer Term.* Miss Abby N. Eastman commenced the school with a very anxious desire to discharge her duties to the district, but a want of energy and experience on the part of the teacher, and a spirit of insubordination on the part of some of the scholars, resulted in the premature termination of the school, without the knowledge of the committee.

The *Winter Term* was under the care of Mr. George L. McAllister. The discipline was of the first order. Every thing was well done. The course of instruction in arithmetic was particularly thorough. The committee noticed great improvement in the deportment of the scholars. The district will find it for their interest to secure the services of the same teacher again.

DISTRICT No. 8. Mr. Allen, Superintendent—Jacob Holt, Agent, *Summer Term.* Miss Laura A. Wheeler, Teacher. She has taught school in this town before, with success. Her government is kind and efficient. She has the faculty of inspiring her pupils with a feeling of self-respect, a sense of propriety, and a spirit of industry. At the examination at the close of the school, the recitations were prompt, and there was evidence of progress in all the studies, which was alike creditable to the pupils and the teacher.

Winter Term. Miss Nancy J. Spalding, Teacher. She acquired a good reputation in district No. 1, last summer, and perhaps it is enough to say that she fully sustained herself and the former character of the school. Her success has proved that the district were wise in employing a female for the winter term. There were some large scholars, but they conducted with propriety. The examination at the close of the school, was altogether satisfactory. We can safely recommend both the teacher of the summer and winter school, as well tried and

faithful. This district deserve great credit for the neat and comfortable school house which they have erected the last year.

DISTRICT No. 9. Dr. Eaton, Superintendent—William P. Moore, Agent. For the *Summer Term*, the agent in this district had the good fortune to secure the services of Miss Adaline Mc Gilvrey. By her active efforts in awakening an interest, not only among the scholars, but in the district generally—by her affectionate attention and devotedness to her pupils, and by her thorough and persevering course of instruction, she has added much to her former high reputation.

Winter Term. The uncomfortable state of the school house operated very much to the disadvantage of the winter school. Mr. Geo. P. Hadley, the teacher, maintained a rigid discipline, and exerted himself very much, to advance the interest of the school.

DISTRICT No. 10. Mr. Allen, Superintendent—E. P. Parkhurst, Agent. The district were engaged during the summer, in rebuilding their school house—consequently there was no school. We congratulate them on their neat and comfortable new house.

The *Winter Term* was under the care of Miss D. Jane Stephens, who applied herself with fidelity and general success to her task. While all the exercises at the examination appeared well, the reading and the compositions were worthy of special commendation. The parents in this district understand that time is not lost, which is devoted to *visiting* their school. We most heartily commend their practice. The good effects of it are apparent through all the school.

DISTRICT No. 11. Dr. Magoon, Superintendent—Joshua K. Bowers, Agent. *Summer Term.* Miss Sarah S. B. Bowers, Teacher. This school did very well. It has been under the instruction of Miss B. before. She maintains a strict discipline, and is thorough in her instruction. The scholars made improvement.

Winter Term. Mr. John Spaulding, Teacher. His experience has won for him a good reputation, as a thorough and correct teacher, and the school made that improvement which might have been expected.

In concluding their report, the committee have to express their thanks to the parents who have so generally co-operated with them in their well meant exertions. Let us hope that every successive year will witness increased endeavors to raise our common schools to the highest standard of excellence.

Respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN T. ALLEN,	} Superintending School Committee.
HARRISON EATON,	
WM. V. MAGOON,	

Merrimack, March 1, 1845.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

'The Selectmen of the town of Merrimack for the year 1844-5, submit the following statements of receipts and disbursements.

RECEIPTS.

Amount in the Treasury March 13, 1844,	52 97	
Due from the County,	117 74	
		\$170 71
Amount assessed for the year 1844,	2581 63	
Received of County for paupers,	142 93	
Conditional exempts,	24 00	
Literary fund,	34 15	
Railroad Tax,	280 19	
Town of Nashville for lumber,	12 67	
Jesse Parker, for Plank	9 40	
For Tavern licences,	10 00	
P. E. Smith, old iron,	3 36	
		3098 33
		\$3269 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

James Duncklee labor and gravel,	2 75	
Peter E. Smith,	2 00	
John McClure,	1 00	
J. B. Holt,	3 00	~~5~~ 25
<i>Cash paid for repair of Bridges to wit :</i>		
Jacob Clark, for repairing Bridge near Benjamin Farley's,	3 00	
Abel Blood, for lumber for Bridge near Fosdick's Mills,	8 30	
William P. Riddle, for lumber for Bridge near Otis Whipple's,	9 31	
Josiah Blodget, for splitting stone for Bridge over Naticook brook,	10 00	
Nathan Parker, Jr., for plank for Bridge near his house,	9 42	
David Jones, for hauling plank to Penny-chuck Brook,	3 00	
		43 03

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Cash paid the Prudential Committees, to wit :

Dist. No. 1, Luther R. Hassell,	48 25
Dist. No. 2, William M. Barron,	54 25
Dist. No. 3, Thomas Parker,	86 25
Dist. No. 4, William V. Magoon,	52 25
Dist. No. 5, Walter Reed,	63 25
Dist. No. 6, Simeon Wilson,	53 25
Dist. No. 7, Daniel Moor, Jr.	58 25
Dist. No. 8, Jacob Holt,	45 25
Dist. No. 9, William P. Moor,	51 25
Dist. No. 10, Nathan Parker, Jr.	19 63
Dist. No. 11, Joshua K. Bowers,	54 25
	\$586 13

Superintending School Committee.

Rev. Stephen T. Allen,	7 00
Dr. Harrison Eaton,	6 50
Dr. William V. Magoon.	6 00
	19 50

School Houses.

Cash paid to order of Building Committee Dist. No. 8,	
John Wilkins,	128 16
Rufus Blood,	9 00
Alexander McC. Wilkins,	12 84
	150 00
To order of committee of Dist. No. 10,	
Elijah P. Parkhurst,	43 00

MILITARY EXPENSES.

Cash paid Soldiers' rations on muster day, to wit :

Capt. Field's Company, 62 men,	31 00
Capt. McConihe's Company, 29 men,	14 50
Capt. Reed's Company, Nashville, 7 men,	3 50
Capt. Fiske's Company, Nashville, 1 man,	50
Capt. Weston's Company, 1 man,	50
	50 00

Cash paid Soldiers returned on the following rolls :

Capt. Field's Company, 51 men,	51 00
Capt. McConihe's Company, 25 men,	25 00
Capt. Reed's Company, Nashville, 6 men,	6 00
Capt. Fiske's Company, 1 man,	1 00
Capt. Weston's Company, 1 man,	1 00
	84 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Cash paid C. P. Danforth for Invoice Book,	2 00
Oliver Spalding, for surveying,	2 50
Francis A. Chamberlain, for gate to the pound,	
and iron work,	3 50
J. B. Holt, for stationery,	2 29
Charles K. Mitchell, for care of meeting house,	5 00

Albin Beard, for printing report for 1843-4,	8 00	
William McKean, for getting reports,	2 00	
Richard Boylston, for printing school registers,	1 00	
R. H. Pratt, for paying soldiers,	1 34	
R. H. Pratt, for collecting taxes 1844,	41 30	
		68 93
Cash paid for nonresident highway tax receipts,		18 97
Cash for over-assessments, to wit :		
Jacob Burnap, on school house,	2 00	
Ebenezer Converse, on land,	2 50	
Oliver Spalding, on interest money,	1 15	
R. H. Pratt, for abatements on his list for the year 1844, in full,	20 00	
		25 65

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Caleb Jones, Town Clerk,	5 00	
J. B. Holt, Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	41 00	
David Jones, " "	33 75	
Daniel Moor, Jr. " "	30 25	
William McKean, Town Treasurer,	5 00	
		115 00

ALMS HOUSE.

Cash paid the following bills, to wit :		
Anderson & Nichols, for store goods,	55 26	
Merrill & Parker, for store goods,	62 57	
Samuel McConihe, for store goods,	7 04	
B. M. Hills, for one cow,	12 00	
D. T. Ingalls, for one bull,	12 00	
Dr. W. V. Magoon, for professional services,	13 00	
Dr. Harrison Eaton, for professional services,	15 08	
S. McConihe, goods del'd to Alpheus Goodwin,	3 10	180 05
Articles furnished for town farm by B. M. Hills, to wit:		
35 lbs. flour, 95c. 6 oz. green tea, 19c.	1 14	
1 1-2 bushel rye, 1 12; 6 qts molasses, 45c.	1 57	
4 lbs. cheese, at 7c. per lb.	28	
1-2 bush. white beans 75c. 1-2 do. col'd do. 58c.	1 33	
2 turkies, 1 50; 21 lbs. dried apple, 1 26,	2 76	
Cash paid Bartlett to clear out,	25	
1 bushel white beans,	1 50	
Cash paid John Moor, for store goods,	36	
26 bushels potatoes, at 20c.	5 20	
1 thousand shingles, 2 00; 12 lbs. sausages, 1 20	3 20	
Stationery,	42	
Expenses to Hooksett for horse,	1 27	
7 1-2 lbs. ham, 60c.; 4 galls. vinegar, 50 c.	1 10	
Rhoda Robbins for cutting coat,	12	
Two pair sled shoes,	32	
Daniel Kittredge for doctoring Cow,	50	
2 1-2 bushels of rye,	1 87	
Expenses to Manchester for town,	50	23 69

Asa L. Patch, for labor,	6	34
Asa L. Patch, for weaving,	1	60
Daniel Kittredge, for labor,	5	09
Mrs. Kittredge, for weaving,	2	37
To making pants for J. Fields,	25	
Caleb Dodge, for 4 lbs. hops,	25	
Nathan Parker, Jr., 5 bushels plaster,	1	67
“ “ to making 4 bbls cider,	2	87
“ “ to sawing, ~~1/4~~	67	
William Arbuckle, for labor,	40	54
Joel Gay, blacksmithing,	11	20
John Blunt & Son, Nashua, store goods,	5	66
Francis Odell, 4 gallons vinegar,	67	
Abel Blood, for medicine,	75	
“ “ 5 bushels corn, 75c,	3	75
Zacheus G. Perry, for chesnut lumber,	4	00
John Stone, for labor,	1	33
Francis McClure, for labor,	2	50
Jesse Moor, for keeping horse,	50	
B. M. Hills' salary 12 months on town farm,	190	00
Tuttle & Wheeler, for medicine,	31	
Ignatius Bagley, for beef,	1	19
Moses Wood, for coloring cloth,	53	
A. E. Thayer, for National reader,	20	
A. M. Wilkins, for sawing,	1	00
S. Barron, for conveying Smith to poor farm,	34	
Chase & Shattuck, for 14 bushels corn,	9	05
Charles Drinkwater, carding wool,	1	79
W. T. Elliot, for cleaning and repairing clock,	50	
Levi W. Hodge, for repairing harness,	2	92
A. M. Currier, for crackers,	25	
William Arbuckle, for one pair shoes,	50	
Hugh Jameson, store goods,	74	
Ralph Brown, for coopering,	54	
Dr. Smith, medicine for Zebalon Smith,	42	
Mrs. Miller, for making clothes for J. Whailand,	1	12
Eliza A. Dodge, for making clothes,	58	
Reuben Goodrich, for tin ware,	45	
B. M. Hills, for 1 bonnet for Olive Swett,	75	
Benjamin Billings, for mending shoes,	1	17
J. B. Holt, for 4 pigs, \$2 each,	8	00
John Mack, for ploughshare,	4	91
David Jones, for provisions for Alpheus Goodwin,	1	00
S. McConihe, for goods del'd Alpheus Goodwin,	3	10
	—	323 37
B. M. Hills, for cash to balance,		155 80
Thomas Parker, for support of Mrs. Chamberlain, County pauper,	20	00
Dr. Harrison Eaton, for medical attendance on Mrs. Chamberlain,	14	00

Francis A. Chamberlain, for coffin,	3 00	
Dr. Mathias Spalding, for visit and consultation on Drinkwater's child as to small pox,	5 00	
		42 00
		\$724 91

From which sum deduct the following receipts.

Caleb Dodge, for hay,	6 00
Simeon W. Crooker, for horse hire,	90
Jonathan Barron, for 6 days reaping,	6 00
Wm. Arbuckle, for 1 pr. shoes, 1-2 lb. tobacco,	1 30
Wm. Arbuckle, for 3 yds. cloth 50c. ; 1-2 lb. tobacco, 13c. ; 1 pr. boots, \$ 2:67 ; 1-2 lb. tobacco, 13c.,	3 43
Asa Spalding, for 2 turkeys,	1 33
Ignatius Bagley, 153 lbs. pork, at 5 1-2c.	8 41
Lucinda McConihe, for horse hire,	1 00
Jacob Burnap, for 5 pecks onions,	50
Freeman Hills, for wood,	1 50
Isaac Currier, for one bushel onions,	38
John Gilson, for 6 1-4 lbs. beef,	25
Town of Concord, for boarding Joel Puffer,	2 50
John Stone, for 7 lbs. beef,	28
Aaron Gage, for one sheep,	1 50
Hugh N. McQuesten, for horse hire,	50
John Wilkins, for 1 pair oxen,	59 00
John Gilson, for veal,	12
Stephen Atwood, Nashville, for lumber,	5 50
John Gilson for seed grass,	50
Dr. Harrison Eaton, for oats,	2 53
Nathan Wheeler, for pasturing heifer,	1 33
Isaac Shed, for pasturing oxen,	1 33
Nathan Parker, Jr., cash,	1 27
Merrill & Parker, for lumber, 6 11c ; 11 lbs. butter, at 14c pr. lb. 1 54c ; 13 lbs. calf- skin, 91c ; 4 1-2 doz. eggs, 42c ; 82 lbs. green hide, at 6 1-2c. \$3 69 ; 125 lbs. green hide at 4 1-2c. \$5 62,	18 29
Asa L. Patch, for ox work,	3 99
Daniel Kittredge, for ox work, 42c ; 19 lbs. veal, 85c ; 20 lbs veal, 70c ; standing grass, 2 50c ; 1 cheese, 30c ; 7 3-4 lbs. cheese, 46c ; 8 lbs. beef, 32c ; cash to bal. acc, 62c,	6 17
Caleb Dodge, cash, 25c ; for 10 bushels of apples, at 6 1-4c. 62c ; 1 bbl. cider, 75c.	1 62
Enoch Gage, for horse hire,	30
Nathan Parker, for pine logs,	6 48
Dr. William V. Magoon, for 2 bushels oats,	67
Samuel McConihe, for 13 1-2 lbs. calfskin,	1 06

William P. Moor, for 20 lbs veal,	60	
Anderson & Nichols, for 9 1-4 lbs. calfskin,		
65c ; pine timber in the log, \$17 67 ;		
white oak timber 3 70c ; 4 3-4 cords wood,		
at \$3 per cord, 14 25 ; 4 1-2 cords white		
oak wood at 3 50c pr. cord, 15 75c ; one		
pair boots returned, 2 00,	54	02
John Blunt & Son, 23 1-2 lbs butter, 3 29 ;		
18 lbs butter, at 12 1-2c. 2 25,	5	54
Abel Blood, cash received of B. M. Hills,		
75c ; 1 bushel onions, 37c ; 4 bbls. cider,		
at 75c, \$3 00 ; 1 bushel onions, 37c ; two		
bushels turnips, 25c,	4	74
Chesnut lumber,	4	00
Francis McClure, for one bushel onions, 50c ;		
12 1-2 lbs. beef, 50c ; 3 1-2 lbs. salt pork,		
26c ; 14 lbs. beef, 49c ; 1 lb. suet 7c ; horse		
hire 25c,	2	07
		216 91
County for paupers from March 12, to Oct. 8,	142	93
Due from County,	165	62
		308 55
		\$525 46

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of money rec'd for the current year,	3269	04
Cash paid State tax,	258	00
County tax,	375	22
Repairing of highway near J. B. Holt's,	8	75
Repairs of bridges,	43	03
Support of schools,	586	13
Superintending school committee,	19	50
School house in District No. 8,	150	00
School house in District No. 10,	43	00
Military expenses,	134	00
Incidental expenses,	68	93
Non-resident high way tax,	18	63
Over assesment,	25	97
Services of 'Town officers,	115	00
Balance against Alms-house,	199	45
		2045 61
Leaving a balance in favor of the town on		
the business of the current year of	1223	43
Out of which has been paid on old orders in-		
cluding Solomon Spalding's note,	383	29
Leaving a balance in the Treasury including		
the unpaid claim of \$165 62c. upon the		
County, of	840	14

The Town is now indebt as follows :

Note to Robert McGaw,	1688 67
Outstanding orders,	37 79
Interest estimated	9 07
Bills outstanding against the town that may come in, estimated at	10 00
	1745 53
Deduct amount in the Treasury,	840 14

Leaves the debt of the town,	\$905 39
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Errors Excepted,

J. B. HOLT,	}	Selectmen of Merrimack.
DAVID JONES,		
DANIEL MOOR, Jr.,		

Merrimack, March 4, 1845.

The Selectmen, in making their report, have endeavored to give a true statement of the affairs of the town, as near as possible, and if there are errors, they are of the head, and not of the heart.

With regard to the Town Farm, the Selectmen have visited it several times during the year, and can bear testimony to the good treatment and prudent management of the superintendent. Every thing looks neat in and about the house. The inmates look cheerful, and speak in high praise of the superintendent and his amiable lady. Owing to unforeseen events, the crop of corn was very light, being mostly destroyed by worms. The crop of rye was also very light, and about one half that was raised this year has been sown. There are now 14 acres sown with rye, which promise well for a good crop. The potato crop was excellent, and beans, and all other sauce appear to have been raised in abundance. By the foregoing report, it will be seen what has been bought for the farm, and what has been sold from it. The present superintendent appears to be well calculated to manage the farm for the benefit of the town, and we hope for his comfort, but we trust not for his ease. The provisions and clothing will compare favorably with any previous year—they are as good, if not better than at any time since we have had the farm. It will be seen that there has been some stock bought for the farm, and some sold off. There is now some young stock growing, with a fair prospect that in two years they may raise their own meat, and save buying. It will be seen by the report that the whole amount of the expense of the poor is charged to the alms house, but it will be observed that the expense of Mrs. Chamberlain was not at the alms house, but was paid out of money in the treasury, and charged to the alms house, and which is now due from the county, as is also the case of Drinkwater's child.

With regard to the coming year, there will be required money to be expended to repair the south road, which is indicted from Nashville line to Amherst line, and from Wright's tavern to Milford line, and the expense of repairing it probably will not fall short of \$150; and also to repair the two bridges on the road from Reed's Ferry to Bedford, at an expense of not less than \$50, which are all the extra expenses that will be required the ensuing year, to our knowledge, and as it requires from five to six hundred dollars for the ordinary expenses of the town, generally, it is our opinion that if the town raise one thousand dollars, that it will pay the expenses of the ensuing year, and together with what other resources the town has, will pay one half of the debt the town now owes.

J. B. HOLT,	} Selectmen of Merrimack.
DAVID JONES,	
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The following is the report of the superintendent of school district No. 5, for the winter term, which was received too late to be inserted in its proper place.

Winter Term. John Marsh, Teacher. This school, considering the number of scholars, is second to none in town. The teacher was energetic, and inspired a lively interest in his pupils, prompted them to action, and made much improvement, particularly in reading. Therefore, Mr. Marsh has done honor to himself, and justice to his pupils, given universal satisfaction to their parents, and won the regard of the committee.